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In the matter of: MALTHOUSE)
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For: SMART CARD READER MODULE)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced U.S. application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The smart card is preferably a subscriber identification module (SIM).--

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In the Abstract of the Disclosure:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Abstract of the Disclosure

A smart card reader module is disclosed and it includes a biasing member (36,39) for ejecting a smart card (27) inserted into the module against a bias provided by the biasing member (36,39) and a locking member (46) to retain an inserted smart card (27) in the module, the biasing member (36,39) being operable to eject a smart card (27) from the module on release of the locking member (46). The smart card reader module is particularly intended for use in mobile telecommunications apparatus (1) for mounting a Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) card.--

Remarks

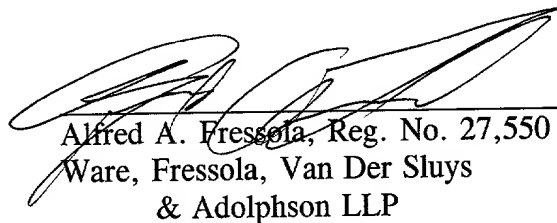
This preliminary amendment is prepared for the purpose of placing the application into standard U.S. format and to correct a grammatical error. Consideration and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and Abstract by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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[Figure 4]